A true Relation of

PRINCE ROBERTS PROCEEDINGS IN LEICESTERSHIRE.

As it was reported to the Lords house by the Earle of *Stamford*, *August* 30.

Wherein is declared the attempt that he made against the said Earles house at *Bradgate*, and how he beat downe the walls thereof, but at the last was beaten off.

Likewise the Earle of *Warwicks* proceedings upon the Irish Seas against two great Ships which kept all provision from going to the distressed Protestants.

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True Newes from *Leicestershire.*

HIs Majesty having for a long space of time proceeded in these wayes, that doth now evidently appeare to all the World, that his designs are to make war against His Parliament, which is plainly manifested in the great attempts against *Coventry* by the Cavaleers, committing many outrages in those parts, to the great [illegible] of the Inhabitants thereof, yet his [illegible] out of his great abundance of [illegible] hath been pleased to publish His

pleasure to all the Souldiers, and hath given them very strict command that none of them shall offer to make any attempts, or take any thing by violence from the poore distressed Subjects that are adjoyning thereabouts: this Command of his Majesty struck joy and comfort to the hearts of the poore distressed Inhabitants, which God of his infinite goodnesse send us some more of the drops of comfort. Here in this ensuing Relation will be made manifest more victorious newes from *Leicestershire* never yet divulged in print. The tyrannicall proceedings of Mr. *Hastings* against the Earle of *Stamford* hath a long time beene very much filled and stored with violence, and hath continued for this long time till the Earle of *Stamford* marched down with his Forces, who hath now plaid his part anew amongst them in the C[illegible]

Upon Friday last there was a Letter read in the House that came from *Ports-*

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mouth from Sir *William Waller*, certifying the Parliament that the Parliaments Forces continued lying about the ſaid Town and before *Portſmouth*, and that they got up to the very walls thereof, having good hopes to regaine the Towne againe ſuddenly, and to take Colonell *Goring* and the reſt of his company, they ſo lye before the Towne they cannot eſcape any way, nor get any proviſion to them, having not victuals in the towne for above 5. or 6. weeks, yet the Parliaments Forces doe not intend to ſtay the ſervin[illegible] thereof, but when they have a convenient number of Souldiers, they are reſolved to enter the towne, the Country being very ready to aide and aſſiſt them, but many of them deſire greater pay then was given them by the King and Parliament, and after ſome debate it was ordered that Sir *John Meldron* a Scotch-man, being an able Souldier, comming from *Hull*, ſhould preſently goe to *Portſmouth*.

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And there was a Message sent to the Lords to desire their concurrence therin, which was done accordingly.

There was also Letters came from *Dover* from Mr. *Dakes* a Merchant that was imployed to secure the Castle to the King and Parliament, which intimated that hee had gotten into the said Castle on Wednesday night, and had the whole custody thereof, having turned out those that had the keeping of it before, and that were ill-affected to the Parliament, and it was thought that the Malignant Partie of *Kent* intended to have gotten thither very suddenly, and was resolved to have made it their place of defence, which Castle was taken in this manner.

On Wednesday night Mr. *Dakes* took ten men with him in the dead time of the night which climbed up an exceeding high Rocke, carrying with them Muskets ready charged with powder and bullets, and drawing up scaling Ladders after them

them, and so got all safe over the wall into the Castle, and being there they marched down to the Court of Guard, where they found some 4. men which were so daunted at the sudden appearing of these ten men that they were able to make no resistance, but standing as if they had been in a trance, and yeelded their Arms. Then a Post being sent to acquaint the Earle of *Warwick* thereof, hee presently sent them 40. Musketeers, and the Citizens sent them 60. more, so that they do not feare any of the Malignant partie.

Upon Thursday last was read in the House of Commons, intimating that some Pirats are upon the Irish Coasts, and stop the passage between *England* and *Ireland* wherupon they sent Letters to the Earle of *Warwick* with these Propositions:

1. *That he would be pleased to send some Ships to the Irish Seas.*
2. *That he would have a care of the Castle of Dover.*

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Upon Tuesday last the Earle of Stamford made Report to the House of the Lords of the proceedings of Prince ROBERT *in* Leicestershire, *declaring that he had made great spoile in the said County, and lately made an attempt against the Earles House at Bradgate, shooting some certaine time at the same, but at the last had a great repulse there, and it is thought that he will make another attempt ere long; therefore the said Earle of* Stamford *desired that he might be speedily sent away those Forces that were appointed The Houses likewise received Information, that the Lord* Strange *is resolved to send a great number of Forces to* Nottingham *very speedily.*

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